

AHM / IEEE 2009 Joining Instructions

Venue

The venue for the 2009 All Hands Meeting and IEEE e-Science Conference is the [Kassam Stadium](#) in Oxford. The address for the stadium is:

The Kassam Stadium
Grenoble Road
Oxford
OX4 4XP

Travel to the venue

Travelling by car

The Stadium is located just off the Oxford ring road to the south of the City and can easily be found on the road, by following the brown football signs which feature on all the main routes into Oxford. Click [HERE](#) for detailed directions and a map. Oxford traffic can be problematic in the mornings, so please allow plenty of time.

Travelling by rail

Oxford train station is on the western side of the city. For those coming in each morning by rail we will be providing a shuttle bus service. If you are staying in Oxford, many hotels / colleges are walkable from the station or you may wish to take a taxi. Taxi services are available outside the Station entrance or by calling 01865 775577 or 01865 778866.

For rail travel information ring +44 (0)8457 484950 or visit the [National Rail](#) website.

Travelling by coach

Express coach services run between Oxford and London (1-1½ hours), London Heathrow, Birmingham and other destinations nationwide.

Car Parking

There is ample parking at the venue (2000 spaces) and if you are coming by car each day then this is ideal.

However if you are staying at an Oxford college / hotel without parking facilities then we would not recommend leaving your car at the Kassam overnight. Instead we would suggest one of the [Park And Ride car parks](#) in Oxford. Both the Thornhill and Water Eaton car parks allow you to park for up to 72 hours at a time.

For longer stays, the Westgate Car Park in the city centre is your best option, although you should be warned that this costs £21.90 for a 24 hour period.

Registration

Registration will be available all week and is open from 8am each day. On Monday the All Hands Meeting does not start until 10am to allow for registration and at this point we expect a large number of attendees to arrive, so please allow plenty of time. On all other days the first plenary sessions start at 9am.

For booth-staff arriving by prior arrival on Sunday 6th, registration will be open from 2pm - 6pm.

Social Events

A series of social events will take place during the week:

We hope you will join us at the various social events taking place during this week. These include:

All Hands Meeting Conference Dinner

Tuesday 7.30pm (advance bookings only)

Conference Centre Oxford Park End Street, Oxford OX1 1JD

The All Hands Meeting Conference Dinner this year is being held at Conference Centre Oxford - a beautiful new multi-purpose venue conveniently located on Park End Street.

All Hands Meeting Drinks Reception

Wednesday from 7.00pm (FREE to all AHM attendees)

Oxford University Museum of Natural History Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PW

This spectacular venue houses Oxford University's extensive collections of zoology, entomology, geology, and mineralogy, including a 40ft Tyrannosaurus rex and Alice's Dodo. The building itself is one of the finest examples of the Victorian Gothic style of architecture, exhibiting a wealth of naturalist carving; the huge glass roof over the central museum court is supported by cast iron shafts, decorated with wrought iron spandrels.

IEEE e-Science Conference Dinner

Thursday 7.30pm (advance bookings only)

The Divinity School Catte Street, Oxford OX1 3BG

Join us for dinner in this historic and beautiful location. Attached to the Bodleian Library, and adjacent to the Sheldonian Theatre, the Divinity School was built from 1427-83 and is Oxford's oldest surviving building which was purpose-built for University use. Originally constructed specifically for lectures and discussions on theology, it is no longer used for this purpose.

Accommodation

Please note that if you ordered college accommodation at the time of booking, this price was included in the fees you have paid. If you ordered hotel accommodation, this must be paid for when you check out.

Lunch and Refreshments

Lunch and refreshments will be provided each day. Those who included special dietary requirements when booking should identify themselves to staff as their meals will be put by (this excludes vegetarians - vegetarian options will be served alongside other food).

Bus Transport

A shuttle bus service will be available during the week of All Hands / IEEE e-Science '09 to transport delegates between Oxford city-centre (or their accommodation) and the conference venue.

There will be coaches at the start and end of the day plus a shuttle-bus service which will run throughout the day. In addition, extra transport will be provided for some of the social events. Priority on all buses will be given to those who booked transport in advance.

A map of bus stop locations can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/ahm-ieee-buses>

Morning timetable

Pick up times from Monday to Friday morning are as follows:

Route 1:

07.30 Holiday Inn Peartree
07.40 Barcelo Oxford
08.00 Oxford Rail Stn

Route 2:

07.30 St Anne's College - Woodstock Rd
07.40 St Catherine's College - top of Manor Rd
08.00 Eastgate Hotel - High St

Route 3:

08.00 Playhouse Theatre - Beaumont St
08.10 Four Pillars Hotel - Abingdon Rd

Route 4:

08.00 Playhouse Theatre - Beaumont St ONLY

All buses will arrive at the Kassam Stadium c. 08.30 to 08.45

Daytime Shuttle bus service

From 10.00 until 17.30 each day (13.00 Friday) a shuttle bus service runs between Kassam Stadium and the Oxford Playhouse Theatre every half hour (on the hour and at half past) except from between 2pm and 3pm when there is a reduced service.

End-of-day service

At the end of each conference day, a return bus service will run from the Kassam approx. 5-10 minutes after the end of the last session, so please leave the premises promptly. On Friday 11th buses to the city centre will leave the Kassam at 1.00pm and 1.30pm.

Evening Events

Transport for the evening events will be provided as follows:

- **AHM Conference Dinner - 8th December**

Transport will be provided directly from the Kassam to the dinner venue. At 11.30pm, buses will leave for the following hotels only (*other accommodation is within walking distance*): Holiday Inn Peartree, Barcelo Oxford and Holiday Inn Express, Kassam Stadium.

- **AHM Drinks Reception - 9th December**

Transport will be provided directly from the Kassam to the venue. At 9.30pm, buses will leave for the following hotels only (*other accommodation is within walking distance*): Holiday Inn Peartree, Barcelo Oxford and Holiday Inn Express, Kassam Stadium.

- **IEEE Conference Dinner - 10th December**

Transport will be provided directly from the Kassam to the dinner venue. At 10.30pm, buses will leave for the following hotels only (*other accommodation is within walking distance*): Holiday Inn Peartree, Barcelo Oxford and Holiday Inn Express, Kassam Stadium.

Wi-Fi Internet Access

Wi-fi internet access will be available throughout the event. Login details will be provided on arrival at the Kassam.

Insurance

Neither the organisers or the Kassam Stadium can accept any responsibility for the loss of, or damage to participants' personal possessions while attending the event. We therefore recommend that you make your own insurance arrangements. Please be sure to keep your personal property with you at all times. A cloakroom is provided and this is used at your own risk.

Administration Team

The conference administration team consists of Adi Himpson and Julia Bremble. They will be contactable via the registration desk throughout the conference to help with any enquiries or problems.